

DOCUMENTS

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, APRIL 27 (REUTERS)---AN AUSTRIAN NEWSPAPER TODAY PUBLISHED WHAT WERE PURPORTED TO BE "TOP SECRET" BRITISH AND AMERICAN DOCUMENTS DEALING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF A NUCLEAR ATTACK ON CHINA.

THE NEWSPAPER ARBEITERZEITUNG SAID IT RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTS FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT IT SAID IT DOUBTED THEY WERE GENUINE AND SUGGESTED THEY WERE PLANTED BY THE AMERICAN OR BRITISH SECRET SERVICE SO THE CONTENTS WOULD GET BACK TO PEKING.

THE DOCUMENTS, DESCRIBED AS OFFICE MEMOS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, THE AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON, WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A MAP OF CHINA.

THEY WERE SAID TO DISCUSS METHODS OF INFORMING PEKING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF A NUCLEAR ATTACK ON CHINA, CLAIMING THAT 500 MILLION CHINESE COULD BE KILLED BY 400 NUCLEAR BOMBS.

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FIRST ADD VIENNA DOCUMENTS X X X BOMBS.

ARBEITERZEITUNG SUGGESTED THE DOCUMENTS WERE AIMED AT INDUCING THE PEKING GOVERNMENT TO JOIN THE EAST-WEST NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY. CHINA AND FRANCE ARE THE ONLY TWO MAJOR POWERS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO ADHERE TO THE TREATY, SIGNED IN 1963.

ACCORDING TO THE MEMOS, ALL DATED BETWEEN MARCH 3 AND 30, THE WHITE HOUSE INFORMED WILSON ABOUT PLANS TO HAND OVER CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE CHINESE THROUGH SECRET SERVICE CHANNELS IN PARIS.

THE NEWSPAPER ALSO PRINTED A COPY OF A "DE-CODED TELEGRAM" WHICH READ: "TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: ACTIVATE OPERATION EXPENSIVE PLACE (SAID TO BE THE CODE NAME OF THE PLAN). LONDON IN GOOD CONDITION."

BUT THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE DOCUMENTS WERE TOO NICELY ARRANGED TO BE GENUINE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR A SPY TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL THE DOCUMENTS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN STORED IN AT LEAST FOUR PLACES.

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